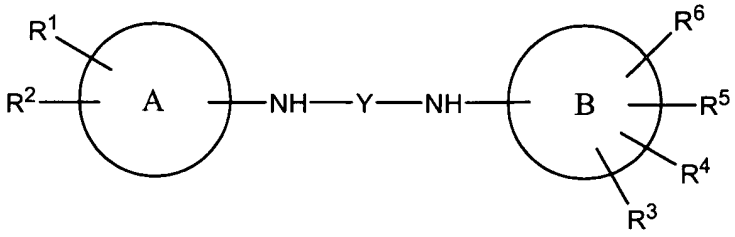
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claims 3 and 18 and amend claim 1 as follows.

1. (Currently amended) A compound of the formula (I)



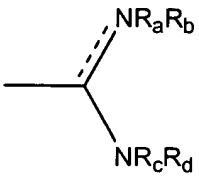
or a salt thereof, where

Y is C=O, C=S, C=NH, $(C=O)_2$ or SO_2

(A) and (B) are each independently a phenyl group ~~an aromatic hydrocarbon group which optionally contains one or more heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of S, O, and N, wherein the heteroatom N is optionally substituted with R', and/or the heteroatom S is optionally bonded to =O or $(=O)_2$;~~

~~R' is hydrogen, hydroxyalkyl, haloalkyl, aminoalkyl, alkoxy, cyanoalkyl, alkyl or an unsaturated or saturated carbocyclic group selected from the group consisting of cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, aryl, and heteroaryl~~;

R^1 is



where R_a and R_c are each independently hydrogen, -O-(CO)-R' (where R' is as defined above), hydroxyl, hydroxyalkyl, haloalkyl, aminoalkyl, alkoxy, cyanoalkyl, alkyl or an

unsaturated or saturated carbocyclic group selected from the group consisting of cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, aryl, heteroaryl; R_b is an optional substituent which may be independent of R_a and R_c and may be selected from the group as defined above for R_a and R_c; R_d is hydrogen or one of the following groups:

-(CO)-R_e where R_e is independently hydrogen, alkoxy, alkylthio, halogen, haloalkyl, haloalkyloxy, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxyalkylamino, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, amino, aminoalkyl or alkylamino group;

-$(CH_2)_n$-R_f where R_f is independently hydrogen, a hydroxy-alkyl, an alkyl, an allyl, an amino, an alkylamino, a morpholino, 2-tetrahydrofuran, N-pyrrolidino, a 3-pyridyl, a phenyl, a benzyl, a biphenyl or another heterocyclic group and n is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

-NR_aR_b where R_a and R_b are defined above;
or R_a forms together with R_d a 5- or 6- membered unsaturated or saturated heterocyclic ring which optionally has 0 to 3 substituents R'';
the dotted line means a double bond unless there is a substituent R_b, in the formula of R^1 as defined above.

R'' is independently hydrogen, alkoxy, alkylthio, aminoalkyl, halogen, -CO_2R', -CR'O, haloalkyl, haloalkyloxy, -NO_2, -CN, hydroxyalkyl, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, amino, alkylamino or aminoalkyl group or a double bonded oxygen, wherein R' is as defined above;

R^2 is a hydrogen, a halogen, alkoxy, alkylthio, -CO_2R', -CR'O, haloalkyl, haloalkyloxy, -NO_2, -CN, hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl, alkyl, aryl, amino, alkylamino or an aminoalkyl group;

R^3 is a hydrogen, a halogen, haloalkyl, $-NO_2$, -CN, an alkyl or an aryl group;

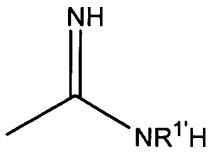
R^4 is a hydrogen or a group capable of hydrogen bond formation except for a group as defined for substituent R^1;

R^5 is hydrogen or, independently of R^4, a group selected from the groups as defined above for R^4;

R^6 is hydrogen or, independently of R^2, a group selected from the groups as defined above for R^2; and

with the proviso that a compound of the formula (I) is not a compound

(a) in which Y is equal to C=O, both (A) and (B) are a phenyl group, and R^1 is the group

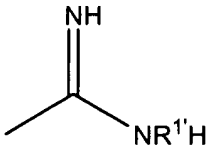


where $R^{1'}$ is hydrogen or phenyl, R^2, R^3, R^5, and R^6 are identical and are hydrogen and R^4 is phenyl, benzyl, phenoxy, chloro or a dimethylamino group in the 3- or 4-position to the NH-Y-NH group of formula(I); or

(b) in which (A) and (B) are phenyl and R^4, R^5 or R^6 are in the ortho-position to the NH-Y-NH group of formula (I).

2. (Previously amended) The compound according to Claim 1 with the proviso that the compounds of the formula (I) are not compounds in which Y is equal to C=O, (B) is a

benzofuranyl, dibenzofuranyl, l-alkylindol or aryl (optionally substituted by alkyl, halogen, trihaloalkoxy or N,N-dialkylamino) and R^1 is the group



where $R^{1'}$ is hydrogen, alkyl, acyl, aryl, l-alkylindolyl or alkylthio.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously amended) The compound according to claim 1, wherein R^2, R^3, R^5, and/or R^6 are hydrogen.

5. (Previously amended) The compound according to claim 1, wherein R^1 is an optionally substituted or cyclic amidine.

6. (Previously amended) The compound according to claim 1, wherein R_a and/or R_c are hydrogen and/or R_b is not present.

7. (Previously amended) The compound according to claim 1, wherein R^4 is an arylsulphone, sulphonamide, alkylsulphonamide, arylsulphonamide, alkylsulphone or arylalkylsulfonamide where the substituents are independently one or more of the following groups: hydrogen, halogen, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, CONRR', SO^2NRR', CO_2R and sulphonamide, where R and R' independently are as defined above.

8. (Previously amended) The compound according to claim 1 as a medicament.

9-18. (Cancelled)